

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The election debate in Florida contained one group of complaints which we can take issue with, from personal experience, because it can be related to each and every voting box in America. The complaint that some voters didn't understand the ballot is absolutely no excuse for anything in the legal department. Laws and more laws can be written, but there is no way we can legislate common sense. . . . an individual's responsibility to think and be prepared. We understand that sample ballots were mailed to all registered voters, copies were printed in newspapers, churches (at least in the black community) hold sessions on voting to often include sample ballots marked with recommended candidates and people are on hand at the polls to answer questions from confused voters. In Coffee County sample ballots are passed out at the courthouse, often printed in the newspaper and this year *The Elba Clipper* office gave out several hundred copies, making over a hundred on our own copy machine after the courthouse ran out. Now in Florida, after the election, people are either truthfully, or as prompted, saying they didn't understand the ballot or "I might have voted for the wrong candidate." There are real problems within the voting system used in Florida and many other places. . . . but as one opinion we heard went "maybe some of these folks don't need to be voting at all." At least they need to wait for the fog to lift from their brain before doing something as important as helping select the next person to lead this great country.

Regardless of which candidate is declared the winner, many in the opposing camp will cry foul and say the election was stolen. There is no known solution for that problem - it is something the country will have to live with for many, many years. However, we urge anyone out there with quick-fix ideas to be careful. This country has survived for over 200 years with our current election system and a major overhaul, or change, might be the worse solution to the problems facing the country today!

Word of Caution! People don't want to hear anyone's opinion about the presidential election mess. . . . they are however eager to express TO YOU what they think about it. Be the crowd two or twenty, the above is almost always true. If you aren't sure, just back up and watch the reactions on the faces of those present the next time the dirty old subject is mentioned in any group of people you happen to be meeting with at the time. Probably that is a sign that people are confused and/or ready to move on with life.

The Elba Clipper was honored last week by the Coffee County Farm-City Committee as the Business of the Year. It goes without saying that we prefer giving praise rather than receiving it and would choose not to be in such a spotlight, but are flattered. We would be lying and insulting your intelligence to say otherwise. Thinking back, any credit should go to the employees of the paper, both past and present and to the people of Coffee County. There have been some mighty good folks working here throughout the years and the newspaper's readers and advertisers have been both loyal and forgiving, when often it would have been much easier to take the opposite approach. Heddy and I say "Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts."

A newspaper friend from West Alabama called Thursday wanting to know about Dorsey Trailers. It seems that a businessman in his community was interested in buying the company and moving it to another part of the state. Well, right away this enterprising friend was told that the trained work force in the Elba plant goes with the name and the interested businessman would be welcomed to purchase the company and operate it in Elba, but move Dorsey Trailers? . . . not not not!

The annual football game in the state of Alabama, called the Iron Bowl, was a bit of a disappointment at our house. Oh, not the winner and loser part, but the dullness of the game. Maybe it was the cold, rainy weather or the fact the University of Alabama had fired its head coach in the middle of a dismal losing season, but watching Florida State completely thrash Florida and arrogant Coach Steve Spurrier later Saturday night was much more exciting. Auburn fans still be in Tuscaloosa celebrating their win, if the police are allowing it, but then they also know how it feels to be on the down side after the Iron Bowl game and playing on your home field!

Don't forget the annual Elba Christmas Festival and parade, scheduled for this Saturday. The festival will be on the square and the parade, always with Santa waving to the crowd, is being billed as the "best ever". Maybe all the much needed rain we have been getting lately will have cleared out by Saturday and everyone can visit the craft booths and hang around to wave at Santa. See you there!

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day and a time when all Americans need to slow down and give thanks for all the blessings they have. . . . and Americans have a lot of things to be thankful for, including life itself. Many people can complain about aching joints, barking dogs, politics, car trouble, a fuss with neighbors or the boss, etc., but all should stop and be thankful that they are alive to experience, and hopefully correct, many of these things. . . . and then have the opportunity to learn to live in peace and harmony with the rest of their problems. Personally we think God can help with this correcting of some problems and teaching people to learn to live in peace with the others. Don't be afraid to ask him. . . . and then let's eat!

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From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

DOING RIGHT BY OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

This week ushers in Thanksgiving here in the United States, a time to reflect on all the good things we as a nation have been given, including our freedoms. I've always felt it appropriate that this important time to offer our national gratitude follows on the heels of Veterans Day, for we owe so much of what we cherish and celebrate today to our men and women in uniform.

As a member of Congress, I have made it a top priority to help those who protect us and safeguard our previous liberties by fighting for adequate military funding and veterans benefits. Unfortunately, this kind of reverence for those willing to sacrifice themselves in defense of our freedom has not been uniformly shared in Washington. I have been troubled by the Clinton-Gore Administration's continued lack of support for our men and women in uniform and even our veterans. After eight years of their leadership, our under-funded military has found itself stretched so thin on international peace-keeping missions that its ability to fully marshal a war-time readiness has been called into question. The Air Force is short of spare parts to maintain fighter aircraft, the Navy is short ships and personnel, the Army is losing officers and is short on new hardware and ammunition. And worst of all, there are military personnel whose pay is so meager that they qualify for Food Stamps. This is absolutely

no way to protect our nation or honor those who pledge to defend America. In response, the Republican Congress is honoring our men and women with deeds and not just words. For the last two budget cycles (fiscal years 2000 and 2001), we have increased defense funding by a total of \$45 billion, putting an end to the Clinton-Gore hollow military. To get our defense capability back on track, in 2001 we've increased our military readiness funding by \$1 billion.

To help our military personnel, we have passed a badly needed 3.7 percent pay hike effective January first. In response to those of our military who are on Food Stamps, we're providing up to \$500 a month

same time period were: Verbie Sasser, Katreen Owens, Theo Mauldin, Barbara Mitchell, Ray Sawyers, Lela Tyson, Kathleen Williams, Samuel McWaters, Helen Floyd, Versie Ezell, Elma Hammonds, Robert Jones, Helen Horstead, Virginia Price Martha Clark, Theora Jones, and Marcus Fuller.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Verbie Sasser, Katreen Owens, Theo Mauldin, Barbara Mitchell, Ray Sawyers, Lela Tyson, Kathleen Williams, Samuel McWaters, Helen Floyd, Versie Ezell, Elma Hammonds, Robert Jones, Helen Horstead, Virginia Price Martha Clark, Theora Jones, and Marcus Fuller.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 13, 2000, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two thefts of property, one illegal breaking and entering of a vehicle, seven harassments, one reckless endangerment, four criminal mischiefs, one out of control juvenile, one criminal trespass, one property recovery, and two assaults.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one failure to pay.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for an expired tag, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, two for no insurance, one for no head lights, one for driver's license not in possession, and one for speed.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - River stage - 3:52 (6:32 a.m.); Burglary reported in Birch's Trailer Court (11:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 138 (7:31 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - River stage - 3:29 (6:29 a.m.); Disturbance on Ann Street (7:03 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a vehicle fire on Al Hwy. 166 (7:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Alarm at Kelly's Barbecue (12:48 a.m.); Alarm at Fred's (12:45 a.m.); Alarm at Fred's (3:53 a.m.); River stage - 3:05 (6:35 a.m.); Wreck reported on Old Samson Road (3:27 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - River stage - 2:85 feet (6:25 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Drive (6:28 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 349 and 354 (5:36 a.m.); River stage - 2:98 feet (6:31 a.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Court house 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-888-272-1212.
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall.
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6-30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5558.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 2 p.m. - Club House.
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Clubhouse, Enterprise.
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. - 10 a.m. City Hall Conference Room.
• CAMP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll Burger.
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.
• ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH - 1st First Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 13, 2000 through November 19, 2000. They were: Lela Pearl Tyson, Virginia Price, Barbara Mitchell, Helen Floyd, Elma Hammonds, Helen Horstead, Martha Clark, Marcus Fuller, Theora Jones, and Winnie James.

Persons discharged during the

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A TIME FOR GIVING... The true meaning of Christmas became a reality in Elba this past week when thousands of pounds of food arrived in the local Human Resource Development Corporation's Elba Office. A couple from Dothan, AL, Terry and Martha Smith, had seen on the news and read in the papers stories of the ordeal facing the employees of the Dorsey Trailers plant located in Elba. The Smiths wanted to do something to help so they purchased nearly 5,000 pounds of food from the Food Bank in Dothan and had it delivered to the HRDC in Elba for distribution to the families of Dorsey employees facing a lay-off. Terry and Martha said that they remembered a time when they themselves were in the same situation and help was appreciated. The couple, along with Mrs. Smith's mother, Billie Sullivan, coordinated this act of kindness and brotherly love with HRDC. The Smiths own and operate Grady For Law in Dothan. They prepare visual solutions for litigation. Pictured above are (l-r): standing - Dotie Strickland, Elba Coordinator for HRDC; Martha and Terry Smith. Others in the picture are volunteers helping prepare the food for distribution.

SANTA

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new gifts and toys) to place on the float as it passes by on the parade route for distribution to needy area families. The parade also features many other entries, including the arrival of Santa at the end of the parade.

As the parade finishes, candles will be handed out to the onlookers and the crowd is invited to attend the All-Star Lighting Ceremony at the stage area of the Courthouse. This special event honors some of Elba's top citizens (former or current) who have established themselves as caring individuals with

"big hearts." During the ceremony, candles will be lit to enhance the already beautifully decorated Courthouse Square as the crowd joins in the singing of Christmas carols. Nominations and applications are still being accepted at the Elba Chamber of Commerce for Elba All-Stars.

Make plans now to join the City of Elba as it celebrates the 13th Annual Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 25. For further information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

COC Needs Christmas Sponsors

The 2000 Holiday Season is approaching and the Elba Chamber of Commerce has already made plans to transform Elba into a beautiful place to "SHARE THE SPIRIT".

Many new ideas are being used this year that will certainly be an eye catcher for everyone. A wreath will be put on every window of the courthouse. Also, there will be lights and garland on the Highway 84 bridge. The Chamber had intended on placing a candle in every window of the courthouse, however, the building's design will not allow that.

In order to put these plans into action, the chamber is asking for the community's support through "City Wide Christmas Sponsors." The cost will be \$50.

This year, each sponsor's name will be written on a Santa list and will be displayed on the courthouse lawn.

Anyone wanting to be a "City Wide Christmas Sponsor" should call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

Child find services to be available in Elba

Parents can "be prepared" more adequately in case their child should become missing by attending a free "Child Find" Service in Elba during the Christmas Festival on Nov. 25.

The service, which will offer fingerprinting and current photographs of children, will be held on the square from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This opportunity is being provided free by Justin Williams of Scout Troop 37 as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project. Cards and ink will be provided by the Elba Police Dept.

All parents are encouraged to visit this service for benefit of their children and themselves.

The National Security Group, Inc. announces quarterly share results

Results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2000 and 1999, based on generally accepted accounting principles, were reported recently as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Premium Income	\$6,003,000	\$6,292,000	\$17,232,000	\$19,790,000
Investment Income	1,104,000	1,114,000	3,262,000	3,269,000
Realized Investment Gains	846,000	178,000	1,912,000	1,676,000
Total Revenues	8,181,000	7,682,000	22,811,000	25,039,000
Net Income	\$1,392,000	\$ 457,000	\$ 3,305,000	\$ 2,872,000
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AREA DEATHS

LUCILE REYNOLDS
Mrs. Lucile Reynolds, born Dec. 6, 1912, of Elba, Ala., died Nov. 6, 2000 in Robbins, Ill.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 2000 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. R. McKinnon officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Reynolds was preceded in death by her husband, Foster Reynolds, and a son, Paul Reynolds.

Survivors include one son: Willie (Margaret) White Jr., Robbins, Ill.; three sisters: Mildred (R.V.) King, New Brockton; Ella Mae Pells, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Madeline Smith, New Brockton; and numerous other relatives.

PERRY "LEON" WILSON
Mr. Perry "Leon" Wilson, age 87, of 220 County Road 138, Jack, Ala., died Nov. 16, 2000 at Flowers Hospital.

Mr. Wilson was a lifelong resident of Jack, Ala. and Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Nov. 19, 2000 at Victoria Baptist Church with Rev. Buddy Hood and Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Fuller Wilson, Jack, two

daughters: Melba Wilson Hanchey and Margaret Wilson, both of Dothan; one grandson: Jarrod Hanchey, Dothan; and one sister: Gladys McCollough, Enterprise.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz
This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Julie Fuller, a 17-year-old employee of Enterprise Nursing Home where she is a certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Julie's mother is Beth Williams. Julie is a senior at Elba High School and is a member of VICA. She said that her mother has inspired her most. She spends her free time playing with her 14-month-old baby.

After graduation, Julie plans to attend Nursing School and go into the National Guard.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Amanda Beerenstrauch

Spanish Club Takes A Trip



by Hunter Branch
On November 1, the Elba High School Spanish Club took a trip to the Troy State University campus. There, the members saw a play from the book "Don Quixote." They also saw many famous dances from Hispanic countries all over the world. Dances included the Tango, Marengue, and the Mexican Hat Dance. Mr. Mendez quoted, "It was terrible, Tony Dye embarrassed us." He then replied "It was fun." Aside from Tony Dye's constant outbursts, it was an enjoyable and educational experience.

Marching Tigers Compete at Little Bighorn

by Christy Eubanks
Little Bighorn, otherwise known as the "Opp Contest," is the one everyone looks forward to. With 33 bands competing in the 20th anniversary of Little Bighorn, it was one of the biggest contests in South Alabama. Elba competed against five other bands in class 3A. Success at Little Bighorn is considered quite an accomplishment.

ment, so, needless to say, the pressure was on. It was a long bus ride back from Chatham on Friday the night of the 20th. The EHS band arrived home at about 1:30 that Saturday morning, but that didn't stop us. We were back at the school that afternoon to run through the show. After the band parents served us dinner, we went back to the bandroom to gather up

our uniforms. Everybody loaded the buses in order of seniors down to seventh graders, and we were on our way to Opp.

Upon arriving at Opp High School, we put on our uniforms, got out our instruments, and went to warm-up where we focused our minds and prepared ourselves for what lay ahead. The EHS band marched into the stadium at around 7:00 p.m. with our heads high and our hearts full of pride. For the rookies, it would be their first Little Bighorn. For the seniors, it would be their last, but it wasn't a time for tears. We were forced to leave our distractions on the sidelines and concentrate on making this performance our best.

After marching our show with "Tiger Pride," the band received a wonderful response from the audience. Relieved, we exited the field and returned to the buses to put away our equipment. Then, we went back to the stadium to await the Awards Ceremony.

At 10:30, the Awards Ceremony began. When Elba High School was announced, Wesley Kelley called the band to attention. After hearing the scores, we walked away with six trophies and "Best in Class Danceline." In this, the band was finally rewarded for all the hard work, dedication, and leadership. The band would especially like to thank Mr. Ellis for always working so hard for us, believing in us and pushing us to do our best.

Veterans Day Observed: A Tug of War

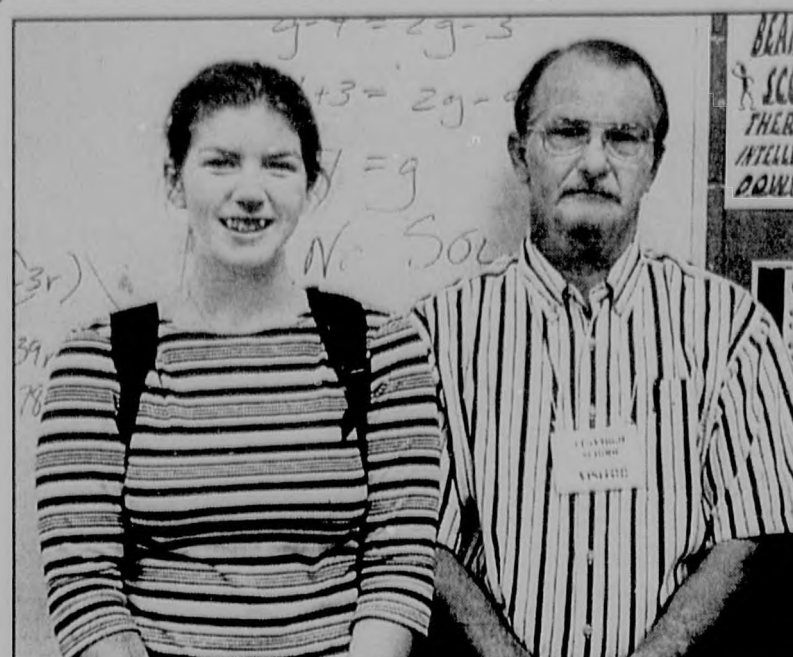
by Camille Kelley
Veterans Day, a day set aside in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 and 1945, is a very special holiday for all soldiers and veterans of war.

The students in Mr. Carlie's first block class learned the significance of this sentimental holiday on Tuesday, November 7.

Mr. Roy Grimes, a war veteran from Vietnam, came and spoke of his experiences during the war. He also talked about the reasons and explanations of Vietnam.

He talked of the importance of discipline and respect as a marine. The students left Mr. Carlie's class with a reverence for the veterans of the United States.

On Veterans Day, this class will certainly understand the meaning of sacrifice and will honor the dedicated soldiers who fought for freedom for the sake of its citizens.



Roy Grimes (right) pictured with his daughter, Katie Grimes.

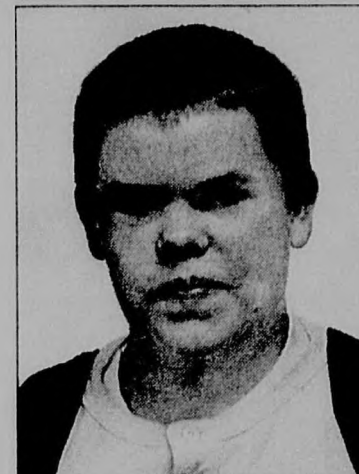
Stress: An Unavoidable Part of Life

by Amanda Beerenstrauch

Stress is the "wear and tear" our bodies experience as we adjust to our continually changing environments. Stress is an unavoidable part of life and not all stress is bad. In fact, everyone needs stress in their lives, without it, life would be dull and unexciting. The problems occur, however, when stress becomes excessive. It can become destructive and turn into distress. Too much stress on your mind and body can make you feel miserable, worried, sad, and ill.

When you're under stress, you may start feeling overwhelmed; you have too much to do in too little time; you can't possibly do everything you feel you must do. You may feel angry, unfairly judged, and impatient with yourself and others. You may worry about everything!

Student Spotlight



by Francie English
Name: Jesse Holloway
Parents: Matt and Judie Holloway
Age: 15
Grade: 10th
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite music: Country
Clubs/Activities: FFA
Interests/Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, and woodworking

Jesse is a student here at Elba High School. His favorite subject in school is science.

The one class that he would enjoy taking is a scuba diving class, but we don't have one at EHS.

After he graduates he wants to become a marine.

Some symptoms of stress include: increased heart rate, rapid breathing, stammering, headache, sweating, and sleeplessness. Stress symptoms are not to be feared, changes need to be made sooner or later, or more serious consequences may follow. Consider these facts: 75% of the general population experiences at least "some stress" every two weeks. Half of those experience moderate or high levels of stress during the same two week period. Stress contributes to heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, and other illnesses. Stress also affects the immune system, which protects us from many serious diseases.

Teens face a specific kind of stress. It could be problems at home with parents or siblings, or problems at school-pressure from teachers, friends, or parents. You may be feeling a lot of stress if you're experiencing or facing a change in schools; everyone in your life seems to expect a lot of you; now, you're feeling a lot of conflicting things; wanting to be on your own, but sometimes secretly wishing you could be a little kid again; wanting to live up to others' expectations of you, but feeling that you fall short. Other things that

may cause stress include: extra-curricular activities that are time consuming, school expectations, parental expectations, being unable to prioritize-it all seemed important!

While you can't completely avoid all stress, you can take control of your life. Try some of these tips for reducing stress:

- Don't rely on your memory... write it down.
- Say "no" more often.
- Avoid negative people.
- Smile.
- Stop saying negative things to yourself.
- Develop your sense of humor.
- Have goals for yourself.
- Ask someone to be your "vent partner".
- Don't procrastinate.
- Strive for excellence NOT perfection.
- Always have a plan "B".
- Know your limitations and let others know them too.
- Remember that stress is an attitude.
- Have a support network of people, places, and things.
- Get enough sleep.
- Most importantly, keep the lines of communication with parents, teachers, and friends.

Thanksgiving Thoughts

Thanksgiving
by Chris Turner

The students at Elba High School will have a whole week for this year's Thanksgiving Holiday. The students are looking forward to a big meal, as well as the week off from school. Most students will be with their family and enjoying a meal. Some students were asked what they would be doing for the holidays this year, and this is what they had to say.

Richard Barlow: "Going to eat and spend time with family members."

Kim Jones: "Going to Florida."

Kayla Homyak: "Staying home and eating with my family."

Hunter Branch: "Chillin' at the house."

Amy Kirkland: "Family coming up from Florida, and we are going to eat a bunch."

These are just some of the things that students are going to be up to this Thanksgiving. Have fun.

enjoy the time off, and most importantly, GIVE THANKS!

Favorite Thanksgiving Food
by Menda

I asked various students and teachers, "What is your favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving?" Here is what they had to say:

Gunter Kridger: Chicken and Dressing

Mrs. Bailey: Capun turkey

Jassen Hays: Dressing

Roshanda McKinnon: Red Velvet Cake

Chris Sasser: Turkey Dressing

Mrs. Norris: Sweet Potato casserole with pecans (not marshmallows)

Aaron Powell: Turkey Dressing

Katie Grimes: My mom's Dressing

Tony Burke: All of it.

It's obvious that there are several students at Elba High that love Dressing!

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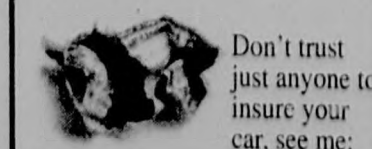


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Pictured are Mary Katherine Head, Blake Brunson, Betsy Adkinson and Hannah Martin with "George," who will attend the tea party.

Girl Scouts planning special tea party

The 39 members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 300 are busy preparing for their 2nd annual "Teddy Bear Tea Party," a part of their free activities for children at the "Christmas Festival on the Square" in Elba on Nov. 25.

The scouts are planning to retrieve and use their own "little girl tea sets" and small tables and chairs, which may have been consigned to attics, or given away to favorite cousins.

They are planning special table covers and various centerpieces for

the tables, which will be placed on the lawn outside the courthouse across from The Jewel Box. Careful consideration has been given to refreshments, which will include teddy bear-shaped cookies, bite-size peanut butter crackers and iced "wedding cakes" decorated with roses. "Pretend" tea will be served to pre-schoolers attending the party which will last from 10 until 12 o'clock. There will also be face painting and cookie decorating activities.



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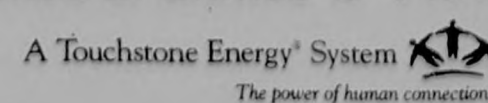
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BOE

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Tom Maddox, music teacher at Elba Elementary School, also was on hand to give an update of the new music room last Thursday evening.

Maddox explained the various things that are taught in the music room. He told board members that

there are 66 students involved in the band program in the fifth and sixth grades.

Maddox also highlighted the MIE (Music In Education) Keyboards in which grades K-4 are using to learn musical concepts. Maddox said Elba's MIE setup is

only one of five programs in the state, and two of those are not being used at this point in time.

Before adjourning the meeting, Supt. Danny Weeks gave board members an update on the Consent Decree. He said the next status conference will be held in January.

AWARD

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said, "I was very shocked and pleasantly surprised."

She said it was also an honor to win the new counselor of the year award because of the man in which it is named.

"Dr. Asa Sparks was the only person for years within the State Department of Education in charge of counseling, and he was instrumental in many professional development programs for counselors," Weeks said. "It was an honor for me that he was there during the awards luncheon."

Mrs. Weeks said when she accepted the award, she quite hon-

estly told those in attendance that she loves her job, and she works hard everyday to help make the lives of students a little better.

"One of the first things I tell the students with whom I counsel is that I do not have all the answers but through our openly and honestly discussing the issue, we can design a plan of action that will hopefully make their lives a little better or easier," she said. "I am committed to serving the people of my school and community as an educator, consultant and counselor."

Weeks said she doesn't know

how many people were nominated for the award in which she won, but she will always be proud to have been a part of it because she was able to represent the people of Elba and her family was able to be there with her when she received this honor.

"Mrs. Weeks is unbelievably dedicated to her job," said Williams. "Along with finding the time to be a great counselor, she also finds the time to be a great teacher. She definitely goes beyond the call of duty."

National Safety Council Fire Safety Education

(NAPS)—With the beginning/advent of the heating season comes an increased need for fire safety and fire prevention efforts in the home.

The possibility of fires occurring in the home during the winter sea-

son increases greatly with the use of furnaces and wood burning fireplaces. It becomes even more important that you develop and practice a fire escape plan with your family since the majority of fatal fires occur at night while peo-

ple are asleep.

Here are just a few safety tips to consider as you prepare for the fall and winter season:

- Install smoke detectors in each sleeping room and on each level of your home. Test each unit monthly and replace batteries as instructed by the manufacturer.

- Each member of the family must know how to escape from your home in a fire. Decide on at least two emergency escape routes from your home. A window or patio door can be an alternative avenue of escape or rescue.

- Teach your children that they can't hide from fire; they must escape it.

- Do not stand on sofas or beds, or place ladders against windows or patio doors when cleaning the interior or exterior of your home. Make sure ladders are placed on level surfaces to avoid falling against the glass.

- Do not apply window insulation film kits to windows that are designated for egress (escape and rescue). You must be able to open them to escape in an emergency.

- Keep children's play away from windows and patio doors. Falling through the glass can be fatal, or cause serious injury.

"A Christmas Carousel"

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COMMUNITY

Colvin is Pike County's Farm City outstanding male youth



Joseph Colvin

Joseph Colvin was recently chosen Pike County Farm-City Outstanding Male Youth of the Year and was honored on Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, at the Farm-City Banquet, and presented a plaque by Mr. Max Davis, chairman of this year's event.

Joseph is a senior at Pike Liberal Arts School in Troy, and his accomplishments include 4-H membership, where he served as a delegate to the 4-H Conference in Washington; involvement in community projects; member of the meat judging team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is in

the top ten percent of his class. He has received awards for outstanding achievement in Advanced Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II, represented Pike County at Boys State in Montevallo during the summer.

He is a member of St. John's Baptist Church and Fellowship of Christian Athletes; a member of Pike Liberal Arts Patriot football team since fourth grade, until this season, when he incurred a knee injury, and works part-time at a Brundidge food store.

Joseph is the son of Lynn Ellis of Troy and Ronnie Colvin of Brundidge. His grandparents are Mack

and Mary Donaldson of the Curtis Community, Carolyn Colvin and the late William Colvin of Elba, and the great grandson of Mrs. Jessie Lee Donaldson, also of Curtis.



Christmas Tour of Homes to be held in Elba

Coming soon! Information on Tour of Homes, to be held Sunday, December 10th, in Elba.

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What is eating my turnip greens

Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

A turnip patch can be a valuable resource. However, there are a number of insects that also love to eat your greens. So battling the bugs can be a real challenge.

Garden lice or aphids are one of the first insects to attack. Diazinon with a ten day interval from last application until harvest is probably the best insecticide for the home gardener. But at best, it only gives partial control. When you kill an aphid on the plant it clings and dies clinging to the plant. One of the best solutions is to simply wash off the aphids with a garden hose. There is a garden insecticidal soap that works great. The brand names of two of these are "Safer Soap" and "Nature's Mark". There are others. These soaps are specially formulated to hurt the insects by gumming up their breathing apparatuses. The soaps soon break down and are of no harm to people or the plants. However, the dish washing soaps for the kitchen are harmful to the plants. They usually burn the outer edge of the leaves.

The second group of insects are the cabbage loopers, cabbage webworms, imported cabbage worms, and diamondback moth larvae. Cabbage loopers are the most frequent. They are easy to identify as they are light green and they loop or inch along when they move. The other worms are varied in color. However, their control is the same. The Bt insecticides containing the bacteria *Bacillus Thuringiensis* are the best insecticides for controlling them. Dipel is one of these insecticides. Begin treatments at the first sign of moths, eggs, or when small worms are seen. Then repeat spray every 5 to 7 days or as soon as possible after a rain occurs. You always need to read the label when applying insecticides.

The other group of insects are the flea beetles, harlequin bugs, and the vegetable weevils. These are rarely a major problem here. SEVIN is the chemical of choice. Eggplants are a trap crop for that insect so you may plant some eggplants nearby or have your neighbors plant some eggplants.

Frequently, people call with this question, "What is eating my greens?" I hope this article has been helpful. However, never spray unless you see insects to spray. The insect population starts up each spring and gradually builds up until they peak in the fall. Then cold weather comes on and the insects die or hide for the winter depending on how cold it gets. As cold weather comes on our insect problems are over. You may have damage on your plants,

but the insects are already gone. Insects do most of their damage when the plants are young and tender. Because the plants are so small we don't usually see the damage until much later when the plants and leaves are much larger. A small micro hole on a small plant becomes a large hole as the plant grows. Then we see it and wonder what is eating my green. By this time of the year most of the insects have already gone. Seeing the damage on your plant is not all there is to it. Inspect for insects when the plants are young and especially check on the underside of the leaves.

Having bragging rights on your green patch, usually comes from having a good fertility program. Of course, watering them helps. Take a soil sample and see what your greens need. Apply about one third of the Nitrogen at planting and then divide the remaining amount over the season. Side-dressing with Nitrogen frequently about every two or three weeks is what keeps greens vigorous and actively growing.

In the hard cold of winter you will find kale and collards more cold tolerant than the other greens. You may even want to grow some greens in a cold frame, to take you through a hard winter. You can't beat the greens for adding nutrition to your year around diet.

Middle-Agers are "survivors"

Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

For all those born before 1945, you are survivors? Consider the changes your generation has witnessed:

- Born before television, penicillin, penicillin shots, frozen foods, photo copying, contact lenses, Frisbees—and maybe born because it was before the pill.

- Born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, party hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

- Got married first and then lived together...thought you had to be married before having a baby.

- Fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the local theater.

- Born before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages.

Born before day-care centers, group therapies and nursing homes.

- Never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings.

- Time-sharing meant together, not computers or condominiums. A "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word!

- In 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam. Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of.

- There were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Isaly's sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car or trolley, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two

postcards.

- You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? What a pity, too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!



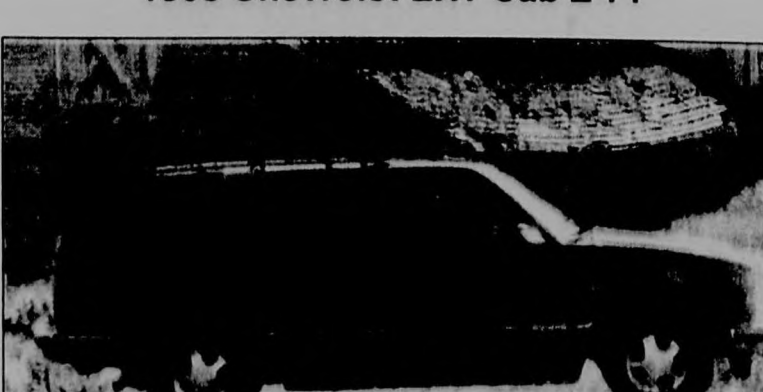
- In that day, cigarette smoking was fashionable. Grass was mowed (by a hand push mower), coke was a drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the principal's office.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that the holiday season is upon us, the next dilemma at the Mularz house will center around a Christmas tree. We have bought a live tree ever since the '90 flood washed away our artificial tree, and the girls have really enjoyed picking out the tree and having the fresh scent in the house. This year Mom is voting for a return to an artificial tree, since a real tree is a little more trouble, and she is usually the one that gets stuck with decorating it and checking out the lights. I am also pulling for a real tree, but either way, the next problem will be where to put it!

THUMBING THROUGH THE NOTES...

*** The Elba Tigers will tip off the high school basketball season next week, and even though last year's Tigers won 25 games and made it to the regional tournament with an all senior team, the hopes are high that this year's squad will continue the winning habit. This year's team will feature an all new starting line-up and a new coach, and there is no doubt that the "dunk party" that last year's team put on almost every night will quickly become a thing of the past. I know that most basketball fans are predicting a down season for this year's Tigers, but I don't agree, and think this year's team will win to watch, and win to support. C'mon out and watch the Tigers in action.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers posted a solid 13-15 record last season and missed out on making the regional tournament by only one win, and with four starters back from last year's team, everyone is convinced that this will be the year in which the Lady Tigers post a winning record and make a run at the state tournament. The Lady Tigers have their leading scorer, leading rebounder and assist leader back, and after learning to play the sport for the past three years, this should be the year that the girls take off and make some noise. Hey folks, the girls may still be the new show in town, but they should be loaded with talent and deserve your support.

*** The Elba Junior High basketball teams are over half way finished with their basketball seasons and all three teams are enjoying winning seasons. The 8th grade boys reached the holiday break with a 5-3 slate, while the 8th grade girls also took the holiday break with a 5-3 slate, and the 7th grade boys carried a perfect 6-0 record into the week off. The Elba Junior High basketball program has been solid for years, and the carry-over to the varsity program is now beginning to pay some big dividends. These boys and girls are our future in basketball, and they are in good hands.

*** A lot of Elba Tigers fans are still wondering if there is going to be a change in the football program at Elba High, and all I can say is - be patient. The Tigers' football season only ended two weeks ago, and I can assure you that everyone involved was more than a little disappointed with the Tigers' 1-9 record. As for a change, it will be up to the administration at Elba High to make that decision, and while they do care what you might think, they already have a pretty good idea of just what that might be, and will do what they believe is best for the program.

*** Former New Brockton Gatorback standout Kellen Cole is now playing at Faulkner University in Montgomery, and has helped his team get off to a quick 2-0 start. Cole has started at guard in both of the Eagles' wins, and has scored a total of 19 points, grabbed 5 rebounds and passed out 4 assists. Faulkner opened the season with an easy 101-42 win over Atlanta Christian, then followed it up with a 90-71 win over Talladega College. Cole was a quality player in high school and has already made a name for himself at the college level.

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At home against Georgiana Panthers

Elba Tigers ready to tip off season

The Elba Tigers will tip off their 2000-2001 basketball season on Tuesday night, November 28, when they host the Georgiana Panthers at the Elba High School gym.

The B game is set to begin at 4:30, to be followed by the varsity girls at 5:30 and the varsity boys at 7:00.

The Tigers rolled to an impressive 25-6 record last season and advanced to the Southeast Regional at Troy State, but the Tigers lost all five starters to graduation, and definitely face a rebuilding year under the direction of new coach Karl Bledsoe.

"Everybody says we are facing a rebuilding year since we don't have any starters back from last season," stated Coach Bledsoe, "but I don't know the difference since I wasn't here last season. At this point in preseason practice I wouldn't make any changes in this team, because these players are working hard, doing everything they are asked to do, and have great attitudes."

"I guess the strengths of this team is its eagerness to learn and to do what the coaches ask," added Bledsoe, who came to Elba after three years at Greenville High School. "I have never heard one single player say they can't do something, and there is potential in every player on the team. The key will be getting that potential out, and making the players confident that they are good, and can get better. It may take a while, but we have everything in place and will work hard to improve every time we take the court in practice, or in a game. I am looking forward to the beginning of the season, and know the players will do what they believe is best for the program."

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8th grade Tigers up record to 5-3

The Elba 8th grade Tigers had a busy week on the court and claimed three wins in five tries to push their record for the season to 5-3.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

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2000-2001 ELBA TIGERS

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 28	Georgiana	Home	4:30
Dec. 4	G.W. Long	Away	6:00
Dec. 5	Opp	Away	4:30
Dec. 9	New Brockton	Away	4:30
Dec. 12	Enterprise	Home	4:30
Dec. 18-19	Christmas Tournament	Zion Chapel	
Dec. 21	Brantley	Home	4:30
Jan. 2	Pike County	Home	4:30
Jan. 5	Luverne	Home	4:30
Jan. 8	Zion Chapel	Away	5:00
Jan. 9	Goshen	Home	4:30
Jan. 12	Calhoun	Away	5:00
Jan. 16	Opp	Home	4:30
Jan. 19	Luverne	Away	4:30
Jan. 20	New Brockton	Home	4:30
Jan. 23	Pike County	Away	5:00
Jan. 26	Calhoun	Home	5:00
Jan. 29	Georgiana	Away	4:30
Jan. 30	Zion Chapel	Home	4:30
Feb. 2	Enterprise	Away	4:30
Feb. 6	Goshen	Away	5:00

Starting Time is for B Game, followed by Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys
* Denotes No Varsity Girls Game

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Farm City Week winners honored at banquet



CHAPPLE AND RUBY CURRINGTON received the 2000 Farm City Livestock Award. They are pictured above with Phil Farris, right, who presented the award on behalf of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association.



JOHN AND SUE WAMBLES were awarded the Livestock Production award for their 90 head brood cow herd. Presenting the award on behalf of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association was Phil Farris, right.



RALPH AND JOYCE MOODY were shown with their small farm Peanut champion plaque. They averaged 3,379 pounds on 54 acres. Presenting the plaque was Anderson Peanut company.



JACK B. WINDHAM was awarded the Forestry Management Award for 2000. Pictured above are Farm City Chairman Ken Farris and Charlotte and Jackie Windham. Also present during the ceremony was Windham mother, Mrs. Jessie Windham.



THE ELBA CLIPPER, published in Elba for 103 years, was named Business of the Year at the annual Farm City Banquet. Shown above are Farris and Hedy Cox, owners and presenter Kay Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



ENTERPRISE JUNIOR COLLEGE received the 2000 Industry of the Year award. Pictured above are Kathy Sauer, President of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of ESC and John McLean, chairman of the Enterprise Chamber Board of Directors.



CENTURY AND HERITAGE FARM - the Caylor Farm was honored with a statewide recognition reserved for farms which have been owned and operated by the same family for over 100 years. Pictured are father Guy Taylor, his son Bill, their wives and Farm City Chairman Ken Farris. Only one other Coffee County has been so honored.



LOTT FARMS, in the New Hope Community, was named the Outstanding Cooperator of the Year. Pictured are Carl and Renee Lott and Myrtle and Charles Lott being presented their honor by Mike Farris, representing the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District.



SPORT MARTIN was honored as the 2000 Conagra Broiler Producer of the Year. Pictured above are Drake Hanson, Conagra, Mr. and Mrs. Sport (Bessie) Martin, son Loftin Martin and Rick Tolus, Conagra.



SNELL FARMS of New Brockton, owned and operated by the James and Gail Snell family, was the 2000 Coffee County Farm of Distinction during Farm City Week. The Snell family is shown with Farm City Chairman Ken Farris, left and Coffee County Extension Agent Stan Windham, right.



TRIPLE K FARMS honored as the Conagra Breeder of the Year. Pictured are Rick Tolus and Drake Hanson of Conagra and Daryl Kersey, owner of Triple K Farms.



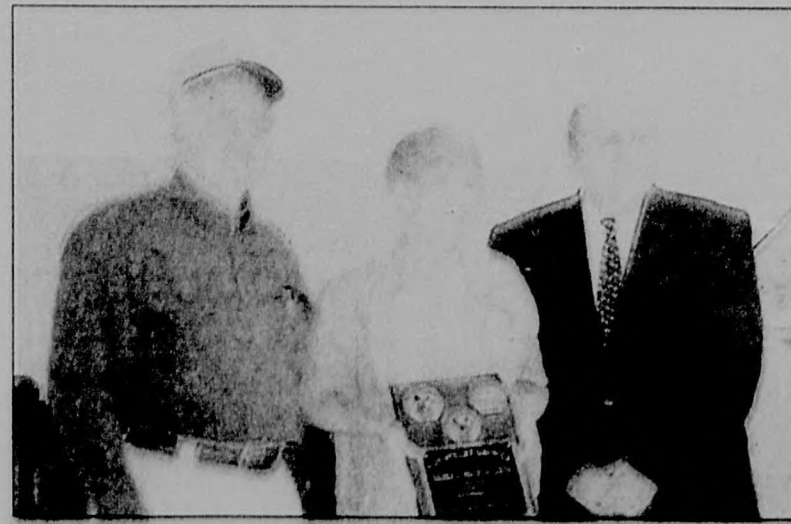
KENNETH WALLS was named the Coffee County Cotton Champion. He produced 528 bales on 448 acres. Pictured are Bobby Crutchfield and Kenneth and Elizabeth Walls with their plaque.



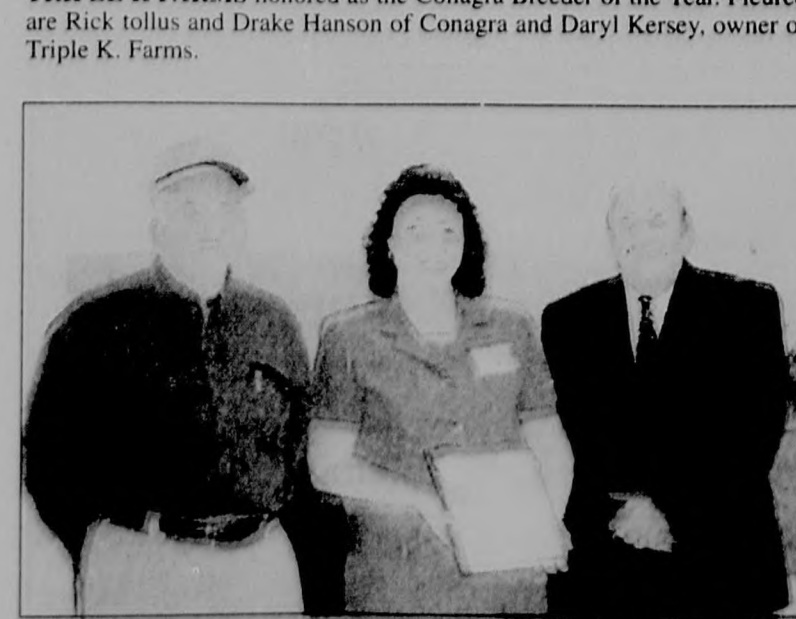
HOMER AND BILLIE JACKSON were named the Wayne Farms Top Pullet Growers. They are pictured with Wayne Meeks of Wayne Farms. Pallets of Kentucky, they now make Enterprise their home.



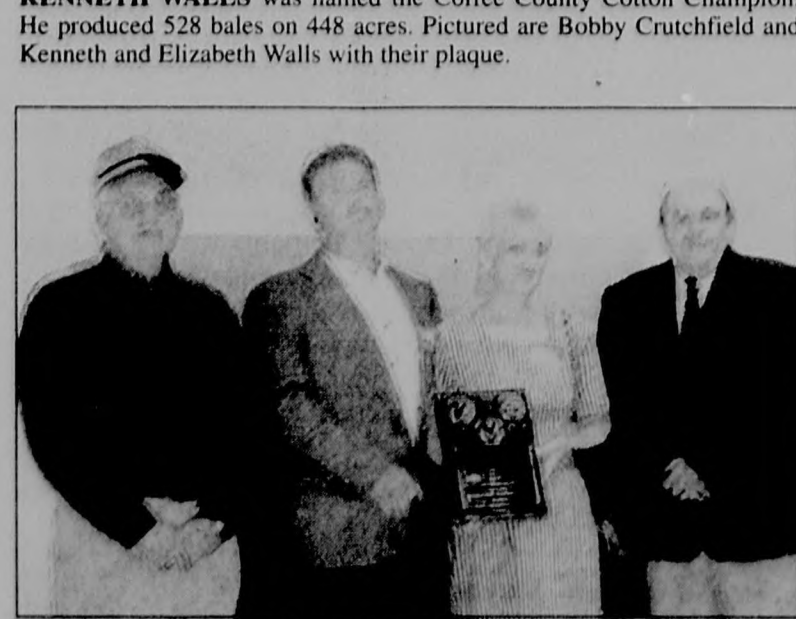
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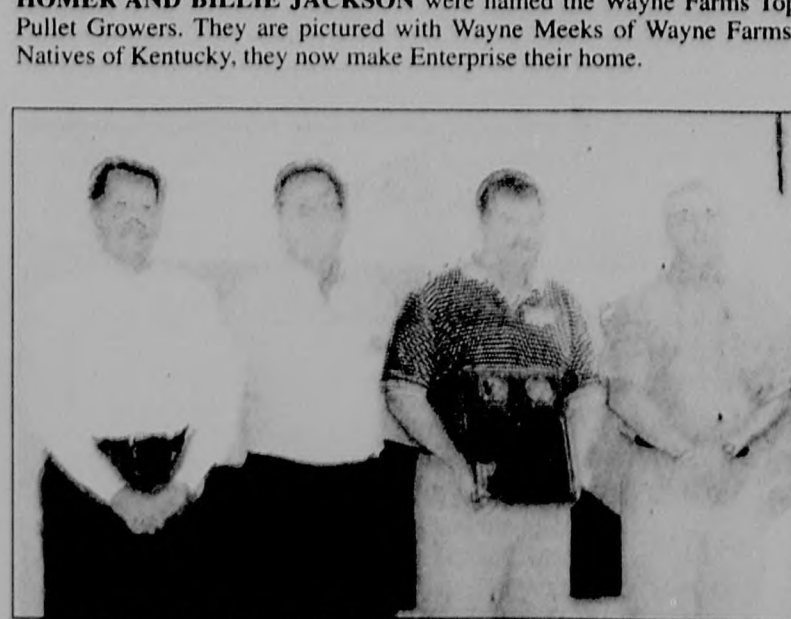
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Elba City Council hears of problems with hunters shooting in residential areas

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members voted Monday evening to rescind an October dress code which included coats and ties for council members during all meetings. In the 4-2 vote, the council will depend on Mayor James Grimes to notify them of any special meetings in which they will again don their formal attire.

Voting for the change were councilmen L. M. Burch, David Branstetter, Junior Culver and Mayor

Grimes. Voting against the change were Councilmen Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond.

Following the vote, Hammond said he was obviously upset, saying that hundreds of citizens had expressed to him their appreciation that the city fathers chose to show their pride in such a way.

Spicer said the city fathers handle a lot of money each month on behalf of the people of Elba and

needed to "not come dressed like a bunch of cotton pickers."

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members of a problem in the Brookdale area with hunting near homes and a day care center. The chief said he had talked with the hunter with the hunting lease, who was not ugly, but expressed concern over having purchased the hunting lease and now being asked to stop hunting in the area.

Several homes and other buildings have been hit in recent years by bullets from the high powered rifles used by some hunters.

Right now it is not against the law to hunt within the city limits, but reckless endangerment laws would apply, according to the chief.

In other business the council was told about the closing of the Caroline Street Bridge (for repair); getting a \$3,766 reduction in the new Workman's Comp insurance policy; the city winning back title to two emergency vehicles from the inoperative Elba Rescue Squad; heard a request to lease the Rescue Squad Building and approved Grimes endorsing, as Mayor of Elba, the ESIC \$6,000,000 fund drive.

Dorsey officials make statement

Following the rejection by the local union members last week of a proposal to make wage concessions in their contract with Dorsey Trailers, Inc., company officials met with their financial backers. On Tuesday, John L. Pugh, Chief Executive Officer for Dorsey,

New county commission's meeting brief

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The first bi-monthly meeting of the newly sworn in Coffee County Commission was brief and to the point Monday morning. With new commission chairperson Linda Westbrook presiding over the meeting, commissioners moved through the short meeting agenda.

Commissioners heard a complaint from Thomas Boswell concerning Co. Rd. 234. He told commissioners that the dirt road was approximately 200 yards long and that he was the only resident on the road.

Boswell said his problems started about four years ago when the road was numbered and a stop sign was placed at the intersection of Co. Rd. 228. He noted that motorists would come down the road and would park, "drink beer" and throw their empty containers out on the road-way and in the right-of-way.

A request was made by Boswell that the road be "closed" (no longer identified as a public road). He was told that a petition bearing the signatures of all the landowners would be required in order to close the road.

After a short discussion, Commissioner Kayo Lewis told Boswell that he and county engineer Randy Tindell would, "look at the situation and see what needs to be done."

Chairperson Westbrook proposed

Elba native and novelist Bob Inman to hold autograph session Sunday

Novelist and Elba native Robert Inman will be at The Briar Patch in Elba this upcoming Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-3 p.m. autographing his new book, *Coming Home*.

Inman writes of growing up in Elba and of adventures with his childhood friend "Booger" Winston. He writes, too, of life and love, home and family.

Longtime Inman fans will be pleased to hear that a whole section of this book has been devoted to the Southern wit and wisdom of Delbert Earle and his great-uncle Orestes.

Like his novels, *Coming Home*, is rooted in the joys and fascinations of Inman's small-town upbringing, where as he puts it, "You get to look people in the eye day after day and learn who they are and how to get along with them."

Inman spent more than a quarter-century as a TV journalist and news anchor before leaving in 1996 to come home to his first love - writing. He is the author of three novels, all published by Little, Brown and Co.: *Home Fires Burning* (1987), *Old Dogs and Children* (1991), and *Dairy Queen Days* (1997). He is currently at work on a novel, *Captain Saturday*, to be published by Little, Brown.

Besides his books, Inman has also written seven screenplays, two of which have been Hallmark Hall of Fame presentations. In addition, he writes a column for the Sunday *Charlotte Observer*.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, the author and his wife, Paulette, live in Charlotte and Boone, N.C. They have two daughters, Mrs. Larkin Ferris of Breckenridge, Colo. and Lee of Birmingham.

Some limited production will take place in order to finish trailers that are near completion, but substantially all production is suspended as we evaluate our options. We expect this evaluation process to be completed quickly."

He encouraged the other members of the commission to place a high priority on this matter and take action in the very near future.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that the Kinston Rescue Squad be paid a monthly subsidy of \$140 for providing emergency medical service to residents in the southwest portion of the county.

It had been determined that Kinston Rescue Squad serves approximately 7 percent of the residents of the county. The above figure is that same percentage of the subsidies being provided to other organizations providing emergency medical services to other areas of the county.

The commissioners voted unanimously in favor of Stephens' motion.

Commissioner Stephens tendered his resignation, effective immediately, as a member of the Resource Conservation and Development Board and recommended that he be replaced by Commissioner Doug Dyalmyne. The others commissioners concurred with Stephens' recommendation.

Finally, the commission extended credit to two firms - Saliba Construction of Dothan and First Team of Enterprise - for the use of the county's solid waste landfill.

The next meeting of the county commission will be Monday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

Officers assisted by New Brockton Police Reserve officers Sgt. George Hutcherson, Shawn Wilson, Chris Sanders, Donnie Maddox and Tim Liles found, and confiscated, what is believed to be the ingredients and making of a meth lab.

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Dorsey Trailers employees notified of health insurance termination

Employees of Dorsey Trailers began getting letters this week notifying them that their Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance was terminated effective November 11th.

Employees were told to contact the administrative office at 1315 Hickman Avenue, Elba or call 897-5711 with any questions.

The first paragraph reads, "Please be advised that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama terminated the company today that it has terminated its agreement with Dorsey Trailers effective November 11, 2000. Therefore, the company's group health plan is terminated effective November 11, 2000. Claims incurred on or after such date are not covered."

For the benefit of these employees who need health insurance, they can contact Alabama Health Insurance Plan (AHIP) at 1-877-619-2447.

Individuals in one of the groups eligible for this state sponsored insurance are those who "your most recent continuous coverage was under a group health plan, government plan, or church plan."

A number of private insurance companies also write health insurance for individuals and families.



Pictured above are some of the items collected from the residence during the execution of the search warrant.

The Shepards were arrested and placed in the county jail. Both appeared before District Judge Steve Blair Monday in an initial appearance and their bond was set at \$100,000 each. They remain in the county jail.

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Abducted Ohio children found in Coffee County returned to families

Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies have returned two abducted children safely back to the custody of their parents after having been abducted by their maternal grandmother.

Six-year-old Tabitha Roderick, who has been missing for two years, was returned to her parents on Sunday afternoon (Nov. 19) after they drove 750 miles from St. Paris, Ohio.

Two-year-old Samantha Waddell, missing since October 2000, was returned to her parents who came from West Virginia.

Both children were taken by their non-custodial grandmother, Marsha L. Martin.

Martin and a female accomplice had been keeping the children under assumed names in the Zion Chapel area for an undetermined length of time.

Late Saturday night (Nov. 18), sheriff's deputies received information concerning the identities of the individuals involved. After checking with Morgan County Ohio Sheriff's Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, they were able to obtain pictures of the children and the abductor.

The information received also gave partial information about the residence, and its location, where the children were supposed to be. Deputies were able to find a possible residence and made contact with the occupant who initially led them to believe they knew nothing about the children. Finally, through their persistence, deputies were given permission to enter the dwelling and search it. Once inside, Marsha L. Martin was found hiding in a closet, six-year-old Tabitha was concealed in another closet, and two-year-old Samantha was

asleep on the couch in the living room.

Ms. Martin was incarcerated on a fugitive from justice warrant from Morgan County Ohio relating to felony interference with custody. She refused to waive extradition back to Ohio and a bond of \$100,000 was set by District Judge Steve Blair.

Instrumental in the recovery of the missing children were Deputies Mark Anderson, Dale Grimes and Michael Hines. They were assisted by New Brockton police officer Chris Sanders and explorer Ashley Paul. Their persistence and dedication brought to closure a two-year ordeal for one family and a two-month ordeal for another.

DHR caseworker Tina Lewis helped with the care of the children and assisted the officers until authorities in Ohio and the children's parents were notified.

NEWS BRIEF

The Alabama Department of Transportation will be holding a design public hearing on the replacement of the Railroad Bridge over the Pea River on Monday, December 18, 2000. The hearing will be held at the Ino Baptist Church located on AL Hwy. 134 in the Ino Community between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.